D STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK ICE Group Art Unit 3732 Examiner: E. Robert Revell et al. Inventor(s) 200060/JND/DPO/kI 673,139 Atty. Dkt. 0277860 Client Ren Series Code ↑ Serial No. ↑ M# Filed: October 11, 2000

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: April 14, 2003

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated berginto by reference and the signeture below is treated as the signeture to the attachment in absonce of a Appln. Title: Bone implant October 11, 2000 Filed: which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto. FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED 1. Small Entity claim For B & C Additional Fee Code Large/Small Entity Highest number Present Extra A. NOT made See Required B. Withdrawn remaining after previously paid for Separate Paper Lg/Sm amendment C. made herewith (Pat-256) D. Made previously 103/203 2. Total Effective Claims \*\*minus 0 x \$18/\$9 =+ \$0 102/202 \*\*\*minus x \$84/\$42 = + \$0 0 Independent Claims If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first + \$280/\$140 = + \$0 104/204 time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) ......add ■ NONE 5. Original due Date: February 23, 2003 115/215 6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due \$110/\$55 = (1 mo) 116/216 + \$205 \$410/\$205 = date to cover the date this response is filed for which the (2 mos) 117/217 \$930/\$465 = (3 mos) requisite fee is attached 118/218 \$1,450/\$725= (4 mos) 128/228 \$1,970/\$985= (5 mos) - \$0 7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract + \$205 **Extension Fee** 8. 148/248 + \$110/\$55 + \$0 9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee ...... 126 10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), ...... add + \$180 + \$0 126 + \$180 or if Rule 97(d) Request ...... add 146/246 + \$750/370 + \$0 11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) ..... 149/249 x \$750/375 ea + \$0 12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)..... 1179/1279 + \$750/375 + \$0 13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) ..... + \$0 14. Petition fee for .......... \$205 TOTAL FEE = 15. 16. \*If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0". PLEASE CHARGE 17. \*\*If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space. **OUR DEP. ACCT** 18. \*\*\*If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space. Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975) 0277860 (Our Order No. 068800 CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is Query: Is appeal deadline now? If filed. so, file Notice of Appeals separately. Pillsbury Winthrop LLP Intellectual Property Group 40944 Reg. No. Thomas A. Cawley, Jr. P.O. Box 10500 By Atty: McLean, VA 22102 Fax: (703) 905-2500 Tel: (703) 905-2000 (703) 905-2144 Atty/Sec: TACJ/AMX

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

REVELL et al.

Appln. No. 09/673,139

Filed: October 11, 2000

Title: BONE IMPLANT

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: E. Robert

April 14, 2003

## REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the communication dated January 23, 2003, the applicants resubmit their prior response filed October 30, 2002.

## I. AMENDMENT

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly amend claims 6-14, 20 and 21 as follows:

(Amended) The bone implant as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the ions are present at a level of between  $1 \times 10^{10}$  and  $1 \times 10^{18}$  ions per cm<sup>2</sup> of the surface.

7.\ (Amended) The bone implant as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the ions are selected from one or more groups of the periodic table consisting of groups IIA, IVB, VIB, VIII, IB, IIB, IVA AND VIIA.

8. (Amended) The bone implant as claimed in claim 7, wherein the ions comprise one or more of the following:

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